

Numismatics International

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Forty-fifth meeting of
NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL
Wednesday, March 20, 1968, 7:30 P.M.
Northwest National Bank - Community Room
Walnut Hill Shopping Village
DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

PROGRAM: "Numismatics From a Young Person's Viewpoint"

SPEAKER: Robert Rudine

ORDERS ACCEPTED FCR:

COINS

ALBANIA Y29-32, VF	\$3.50 set
BRUNEI Y2-6 1967, UNC.	1.30 set
CZECHOSLOVAKIA 10 Kor. Y75 Academy, UNC.	1.75 ea.
ECUADOR Y49-50, VF plus	2.00 set
INNER MONGOLIA Y1, VF-XF	15.00 ea.
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES Y24, AU	22.00 ea.
NICARAGUA Y8 and Y14, VF-XF	2.50 set
PERU Y67-71 1966, UNC.	1.00 set
PORTUGAL Y23, XF	2.25 ea.
ROMANIA Y77, VF	1.25 ea.
SARAWAK Y13-14, VF-XF	1.10 set
SINGAPORE Y6 (Dollar), UNC.	1.15 ea.
WEST AFRICAN STATES Y1-3, UNC.	.55 set

PAPER MONEY

YUGOSLAVIA-1,5,10,20,50,100 & 500 Dinars	1.00 set
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BOOKS

	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>MEMBERS COST</u>
The Russian Monetary System by I. G. SPASSKY	\$17.00	\$13.95
Standard Catalog of Canadian Coins, Tokens and Paper Money - 1968 by CHARLTON	1.50	1.20
Guide Book of English Coins - 1968 by BRESSETT	1.50	1.20
Swiss Shooting Talers & Medals by KRAUSE	--	2.25

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ORDERS ACCEPTED FOR: (Cont'd from Page 1)BOOKS

	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>MEMBERS COST</u>
Jewish Coins (112pp - 16 plates) by THEODORE REINACH	\$5.00	\$3.75
The Coins of Greek and Scythic Kings of Bactria and India (272pp - 32 plates) by PERCEY GARDNER	15.00	10.75
Coinage of the Balkans 820-1355 (286pp - 16 plates) by D. M. METCALF	10.00	7.35
Money in Britain - A History of the Currencies in the British Isles (214pp - 8 plates) by C. R. JOSSET	4.00	3.00
The Coins of the Hapsburg Emperors and Related Issues 1619-1919 (179pp, plate and map) by R. SELWYN MORT	10.00	7.35
Chinese Currency - by SCHJOTH	12.50	9.35

ALL ORDERS FOR COINS, PAPER MONEY & BOOKS MUST BE IN BY MARCH 25th.

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NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objection is received by April 1, 1968, their membership will become effective that date.

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| 218 Mrs. Ralph Webb
3719 Cragmont
Dallas, Texas 75205 | Portrait Crowns
Does not trade by mail. |
| 219 Edward O. Barkley
P. O. Box 132
Calvert City, Kentucky 42029 | Collector & Dealer of World
Coins.
Sells and trades by mail. |
| 220 Robert Doyle
605 West 47th Street
Kansas City, Missouri 64112 | World types.
Trades by mail. |
| 221 John B. Tribble, M.D.
3417 Montrose, Apt. 306
Houston, Texas 77000 | Trade Dollars of the World
Does not trade by mail. |
| 222 Victor Levie (Age 13)
Schubertstraat 26
Amsterdam - Z, The Netherlands | Great Britain-Victoria to date
Trades by mail. |
| 223 Rudi Kattenbert (Age 14)
Sara Burgerhartstraat 50
Amsterdam - W, The Netherlands | Coins of the world
Trades by mail. |

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: Members #211-217 published in the February Bulletin have been admitted to membership.

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MARCH 1968 - "MONTH OF THE JUNIORS": This month could well be called the "Month of the Juniors" for NI. Our speaker this month, Robert Rudine, was the first junior member to join NI back in 1965. As you will note in this month's membership applications, we have two more junior applicants, both from Amsterdam, Holland. We wish to congratulate Robert Rudine for his fine support of NI and his continued interest in numismatics. Also, we want to say "welcome aboard" to our two young applicants in Holland, one of which (Victor Levie) most of you will remember for his fine articles published in previous issues of the NI Bulletin.

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"COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH WORLD COINAGE TYPES & VARIETIES" ASSISTANCE REQUEST: Project coordinator, Marvin L. Fraley, 4915 W. Stanford Ave., Dallas, Texas 75209, is requesting assistance from club members on the following items:

- FRANCE Y84: Anyone having dates 1936-38 of this issue is requested to send for project verification.
- FRANCE Y86b: Anyone having a 1950 date of this issue is requested to send for project verification.
- FRANCE Y93a: Anyone having this type is requested to send it for project verification. If none are received, we will assume it does not exist until proven otherwise and should be deleted from CCW.
- FR. INDO CHINA Y3: Anyone having this type dated 1895 is requested to send for project verification.
- FR. INDO CHINA Y12: Anyone having 1894-95 dates of this issue that are ".900 Fine, 27 Gr. to Piastre" are requested to send for project verification.
- FR. INDO CHINA Y26: Anyone having this type dated 1945 is requested to send for project verification.
- FR. INDO CHINA Y27-28: Anyone having this type dated 1946 is requested to send for project verification.
- FRENCH SOMALILAND Y3: Anyone having this type dated 1949 is requested to send for project verification.

A rubbing will suffice of any of the above coins but if possible, it is requested that members send the actual coin. All coins will be returned promptly after verification and notes have been made for inclusion in the final report of the committee. Everyone's assistance in this project is urgently requested.

RUSSIAN COINAGE 1921-1967

by Matthew J. van der Voort

Although the mintage figures of Russian coins are a closely kept state secret since the first post-revolution coins were struck, apparently out of fear that by the publication of the mintage figures deductions could be made about the Russian economic situation and the metal resources at the disposal of the Soviet authorities, I am able from a copy of "The Soviet Collector", No. 4, 1966, Moscow, sent to me by a Russian collector, to give at least the denominations and the dates coins were struck.

It is with regret that we thus remain in the dark about the relative scarcity or rarity of a certain date or denomination, but anyhow it is good that we know at least which dates exist.

1/2 Kopeck: Copper - 1925, 1927, 1928.

1 Kopeck: Copper - 1924, 1925.
Aluminum-Bronze - 1926 through 1941, 1945, 1946, 1948 through 1958, 1961 through 1967.

2 Kopecks: Same as 1 Kopeck.

3 Kopecks: Copper - 1924.
Aluminum-Bronze - 1926 through 1941, 1943, 1945, 1946, 1948 through 1958, 1961, 1962, 1965 through 1967.

5 Kopecks: Same as 3 Kopecks.

10 Kopecks: Silver - 1921 through 1925, 1927 through 1931.
Copper-Nickel - 1931 through 1946, 1948 through 1958, 1961, 1962, 1965 through 1967. (1958 only issued in Proof.)

15 Kopecks: Same as 10 Kopecks.

20 Kopecks: Same as 10 and 15 Kopecks.

50 Kopecks: Silver - 1921, 1922, 1924 through 1927 (part of the 1924 coins struck at the Royal Mint in London, recognizable by the initials "T.P." for Thomas Ross, the London Mintmaster), 1953 and 1954 (Proof issues only).
Copper-Nickel - 1961, 1964 through 1967.

1 Ruble: Silver - 1921, 1922, 1924, 1958 (Proof Issues only).
Copper-Nickel - 1961, 1964, 1965 (regular issue and Commemorative Victory over Germany), 1966, 1967.

(Note: The 1967 issue of 10, 15, 20, 50 Kopecks and 1 Ruble denominations are the 50 years Revolution Jubilee Commemorative Set.)

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RUSSIAN COINAGE 1921-1967 (Cont'd from page 4):

2 Rubles: 1958 (Proof issue only).

3 Rubles: 1958 (Proof issue only).

5 Rubles: 1958 (Proof issue only). The writer has seen a few of these coins, but was unable to obtain one for his collection. Strange and unbelievable as it may seem, not even the Hermitage Museum Collection has a set of these 1958 Proofs!

10 Rubles: Gold - Chernowitch 1923, 1925 (Proof issue only).

This is all the information on the post-revolution Russian coinage available. Even Dr. Ivan G. Spassky, the Curator of the Russian Coins at the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad, has no admission to the archives of the Russian Treasury in Moscow and does not know the number of coins annually struck. In any event, I hope to have been of some service to my fellow collectors in the Russian field and it may give them some consolation that also the mintage figures of the last Imperial years which are published in some books are unreliable. Dr. Spassky is working on a publication on the coinage of the last Imperial Years, and he hopes that he will get permission to examine the Treasury Archives in Moscow to learn the actual mintage figures of these years, which may finally solve the controversial issue of the number of Gangut Rubles struck, the dates 1914 and 1915 of the Ruble and the Osaka mintage of 1916 in the smaller denominations. This publication will be released at the end of 1968 or early 1969. We have to have a little patience as the Russian mills turn slowly but surely!

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HUNGARY Y6-11: NI member Holland Wallace, Associate Editor of Whitman's numismatic editorial department, has requested assistance from the NI membership concerning Hungary Y6-11. Specimens in XF or better condition are urgently needed for photographing and anyone having any of these issues in this condition are requested to send them direct to Holland and he will return them to you promptly. Mail to: Holland Wallace, c/o Whitman Hobby Division, Western Publishing Co., 1220 Mound Ave., Racine, Wisconsin 53404.

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CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING PAGE:

The next page will be of interest to all NI members who did not participate in the founding of NI. It tells the story of our letterhead and the selection of the club's name "Numismatics International". Of the original 15 founder members, 13 are still active in the organization, attesting to the permanence of our membership once you are enrolled in NI. Many thanks to founder member William E. Benson for furnishing us with this "Story of NI".

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The Story of Numismatics International letterhead is told here for those who did not participate in the original formation of the organization. The name, which was determined by vote of the membership, was selected because it best described the intent of the founding group to organize an association to promote "international numismatics" and provide a fellowship interested in a study of monies of the world.

Each coin was carefully selected to play a specific part in the design of the letterhead.

1. The famous Maria Theresa Taler of Austria has a story unlike any other coin and was an obvious first choice because of the story and its acceptance as a trade coin in the Arab world for centuries including this one.
2. Symbolizing the countries to the south of us is the Guatemala half real die overstamp on a one sol of Peru. By somewhat romantic inference, this coin illustrates the rather erratic history of Latin America and its coinage.
3. A crown from Great Britain was a logical choice to represent Europe. The famous design of St. George killing the dragon engraved by the sculptor Benedetto Pistrucci is on the reverse of the 1822 crown showing a laureated head of George IV on the obverse.
4. Another "must" for the letterhead was the British Trade Dollar, which, like the Maria Theresa Taler, had an international recognition. It was issued for use in commerce throughout the orient and found greatest acceptance in China and the Malay archipelago. Note the Chinese chop mark to the left of the standing Britannia. The reverse has the value in Chinese and Malay.
5. Canada, the good neighbor to the north, had to be included and what more beautiful coin than the Totem Pole dollar issued in 1958 to celebrate the centennial of British Columbia.
6. The circular shape of the other coins was balanced with a more exotic one from the oriental land of the rising sun, Japan. The Tempo Tsuho copper gave the necessary oriental touch to complete the worldwide character of the letterhead.

(Editor's Note: The following article concerning a hoard of coins found in Poland is furnished through the courtesy of NI member Klaus Persing of Leipzig, East Germany (DDR), who summarized the article which originally appeared in "Wiadomosci Numizmatyczne, 1967, XI, 1" of Warsaw, Poland.)

A HOARD FROM SEJNY

By Zygmunt Wdowiszewski

(Summary)

In March 1964, children from a primary school in Sejny discovered a hoard in the river Marycha. The local militia handed it over to the museum in Bialystok. The coins were in an oak box decorated with zined iron ornaments in the late Renaissance style. The box, 38.5 cm. in length, 30 cm. in width and 17.6 cm. in height (decimal system - approximately 15" x 12" x 6-1/4"), has a number of compartments with secret drawers. Its size would indicate that it contained other valuables apart from coins; of these only 7 amber and 1 glass beads have remained.

Among the hoard's 81 pieces, which weight was 168.52 g. after cleaning, were 31 gold, 22 silver and 28 copper coins. The gold pieces represented the following countries and towns: The Holy Roman Empire (The Salzburg Archbishopric, Bohemia, Styria, Lubeck, Frankfurt-on-Main); Hungary; southern Europe (Aragon and Castile - Ferdinand and Isabella; Ferrara and Modena - Alfons II); the Low Countries (Campan and Zwolle). The most numerous were pieces from the Confederate State of Belgium, West Frisia, Gelderland and Utrecht.

The hoard included also Polish coins of Zygmunt III (1587-1632): 1-1/2 Crown grossus, a ternarius of Lobzenica and a Lithuanian solidus; Jan Kazimierz (1648-1668) Crown and Lithuanian solidi; Ducal Prussia solidi of Frederic William (1640-1688); and Swedish solidi of Riga and Livonia from the reign of Christina (1632-54) and Charles XI (1660-97). The bulk of the hoard comes from the end of the 15th century, the earliest coins being from 1664 or 1666.

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1968 DUES:

Pursuant to Section II, Article V of the By-Laws, any member who has not paid his 1968 dues is now in arrears. The names of all members in arrears after the March meeting will be published in the April Bulletin. Members that have not paid their dues by April 17th, 1968, shall be considered as having resigned from the organization and will receive no further club mailings.

"WHITMAN NUMISMATIC JOURNAL" LISTINGS:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>TENTATIVE CATALOG NO. & ISSUE</u>	<u>TENTATIVE VALUE</u>
WEST GERMANY:	Y120 5 Mark Silver Humboldt Comm. 1967	\$3.50
GIBRALTAR:	Y1 1 Crown Copper-Nickel 1967	1.75
MALAWI:	Y6 1 Penny Bronze 1967	.15
MAURITIUS:	Y31 1/2 Rupee Copper-Nickel 1965	1.25
PAKISTAN:	Y22 1 Paisa Aluminum 1967	.10
	Y23 2 Paisa Aluminum 1967	.15
ROMANIA:	Y107 5 Bani Nickel-clad Steel, 1966	.20
	Y108 15 " " " "	.35
	Y109 25 " " " "	.50
	Y110 1 Leu " " " "	.75
	Y111 3 Lei " " " "	1.00
WESTERN SAMOA:	Y1 1 Sene Bronze 1967	.15
	Y2 2 " " "	.20
	Y3 5 " Copper-Nickel 1967	.30
	Y4 10 " " "	.40
	Y5 20 " " "	.60
	Y6 50 " " "	1.00
	Y7 1 Tala Copper-Nickel, Decimal Currency Commemorative, 1967	5.00

The above listings are through the courtesy of "Whitman Numismatic Journal, March 1968". This issue of the Journal also contains several interesting articles concerning numismatics of all phases. The Journal is highly recommended to NI members.

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INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING BARTER: "FORERUNNER OF MONEY"

by K. T. Edwards

Barter was occasionally accomplished by "Silent Trade". So called because the participants never meet. This practice, according to Herodotus, was being carried on along the West Coast of Africa some five centuries B.C.

In present times it is practiced between the Pygmies of the central forested area and the natives at the forest's edge. The pygmies, who live by hunting wild game, trade with the other natives, who grow vegetables. The Pygmies, after a successful hunt, eat all they possibly can, take the remainder of the meat and secure it in a tree at the village entrance. After dark the natives of the village take the meat and leave vegetables in its place. The Pygmies pick up the vegetables, again after dark, thus the traders never see each other. The Pygmies keep the villagers honest by the use of poisoned arrows if they feel they have been cheated.

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